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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YODER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 23, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEVIN YODER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Frank Hampton, Jr., Church of God, Jackson, Michigan, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we are eternally grateful for the opportunity to approach Your throne as we open this session of Congress in prayer.

We pray for Your particular blessings on those in authority. Please give them guidance, the understanding to recognize the gravity of their responsibilities, and the courage to be unwilling to compromise integrity and moral convictions for any political advantage.

Lord, we are cumbered with critical issues and we are exhausting our resources. In this time of chaos and confusion, we need Your mercy and divine assistance as no other time in our Nation's history. And You said, if we would acknowledge You in all our ways, You would direct our path.

Although circumstances are mounting, Your Word gives us hope. It says, "If My people, which are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

So Lord, at this time we are honestly appealing to Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING PASTOR FRANK HAMPTON, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Michi-

gan (Mr. WALBERG) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WALBERG. Pastor Frank Hampton, Jr., has been praying over his congregation at the Church of God in Jackson, Michigan, since 1967. Today, it's an honor to have him praying over the U.S. House of Representatives.

Back in Michigan, Pastor Hampton has lived, worked, and served the Jackson community for over 45 years and is a well-respected man of God. Local business owners, elected officials, and pastors from around the country seek his counsel on matters of faith and life itself. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn from his wisdom and to call him my friend.

I first met Pastor Hampton in 2003 and admire him for his sincere faith and heart of service. His impact has been long and consistent, whether in his church, community, the family barbershop, or his ministry to prisoners in the court system. Pastor Hampton's influence has extended beyond the State of Michigan, speaking at venues in Panama, the Cayman Islands, Honduras, Haiti, and Jamaica.

I sincerely appreciate Pastor Hampton's presence today and his thoughtful prayer. My hope is that Pastor Hampton will continue to have many opportunities to share his faith and uphold this great country in prayer.

May God bless you and all the work you do.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 5 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

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